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1976DC

"Spring 1903"

RING AROUND THE EUXINE

ENGLAND (Lariton): F Lon-Nth; F Iri-Mid; F Eng S F Iri-Mid; F Nwy-St.P(n.c.); A Den holds; F Swe-Bot.

FRANCE (Chafetz): F Mid S F Bre; F Bre-S F Mid; A Mar-Gas; A Bur-Pic; A Par S A Bur-Pic.

GERMANY (Ripper): A Ruh-Kie; A Bel holds; F Kie-Hel; A Mun S A Ruh-Kie.

ITALY (Malay): F Ion-Eas; F Nap-Ion; F Adr S F Nap-Ion; A Vie-Bud; A Tri S A Vie-Bud; A Tyr S A Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McNally): A Bud S A Ser; A Ser S A Rum; F Gre S TURKISH F Aeg-Ion.

RUSSIA (Drakert): F Ber-Bal; A St.P-Nwy; F Sev-Rum; A Ukr S F Sev-Rum; A Gal S ITALIAN A Vie-Bud.

TURKEY (Bakich): F Aeg-Ion; A Arm-Sev; A Rum S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud; F Bla S A Arm-Sev; A Con holds.

Underlined moves are not possible.

Russia removes F Sev; and also the Austro-Hungarian A Bud is annihilated. For George Bakich's new address see the report on 1976DW. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1976. Press releases appear on p. 7.

1975AP

"Winter 1911"

Following "Fall 1911" moves Austria-Hungary retreats F Con-Bls.

GERMANY (Michal): Builds A Mun, A Kie.

ITALY (Eisen): Builds A Ven, A Rom, F Nap.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Murray): Remove A Sev, A Gal.

RUSSIA (Cathcart): "Removes F Nrg". ((Sic; no such unit exists. Gamesmaster removes F Bar))

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1976DW

"Spring 1901"

SCHULTZ IS NOT DEAD

ENGLAND (Bakich): A Nwy-Swe; F Nrg-Nwy; F Hol-Hel; F Lon-Nth; F Edi-Nrg.

FRANCE (Schwartz): F Spa(s.c.)-Wea; A Por-Spa; F Mar-Lyo; A Bur-Mar; A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Carter): A Ber-Pru; A Mun-Sil; A Kie-Mun; A Bel-Ruh; F Den S ENGLISH A Nrg-Swe.

ITALY (Schultz): A Ven-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; F Ion-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (R. Gallsgher): F Alb-Gre; A Bul S F Alb-Gre; A Tri-Ven; A Vie holds.

RUSSIA (Michal): F Rum-Bla; F Sev S F Rum-Bla; F Bot-St.P(s.c.); A Gal-War; A Ukr-Moa.

TURKEY (Brsunagel): F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Con S F Bla-Bul(e.c.); A Smy-Con((sic)).

Underlined moves are not possible. Austria-Hungary has sent in advance the retreat A Bul-Ser. The deadline for "Fall 1902" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1976. George Bakich's new address is 116 Lincoln Ave., Rockville Centre, N. Y. 11570. Press releases appear on p. 7.

1975GW

"Winter 1907"

GERMANY (Sergeant): Builds A Mun, F Ber, F Kie.

ITALY (Wienczek): Remove A Alb.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Trtek): Postpones build.

RUSSIA (Verheiden): Removes A Arm & F Bla; out of game.

TURKEY (Girsdansky): Builds F Smy.

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Last Sunday we hectically but successfully married off my step-daughter, Karina Girsdansky, to fellow science-fiction fan Joe Siclari.

1975H

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"Fall 1911"

"TIS THE FINAL CONFLICT..."

Following "Spring 1911" moves, Russia retreats F Nwy-St.P(n.c.).

FRANCE (Heuer): A Gas-Spa; A Mar S A Gas-Spa; A Bur S A Mar; F Wes-Tun.

GERMANY (Chafetz): F Nth-Eng; F Nrg-NAT; A Liv-St.P; F Nwy S A Liv-St.P; A Swe-Fin; F Bal-Den; A War & A Bel hold; A Sil S A War; A Boh-Vie; A Mun-Tyr.

ITALY (Lariton): F Lyo-Tyr; A Ven-Tyr; A Pie-Mar; F Spa(s.c.)-Por; A Gre-Bul; F Con S A Gre-Bul; F Ank holds; A Smy S F Ank; A Ser-Rum; A Bud S A Ser-Rum; A Vie-Gal.

RUSSIA (Cathcart): F Bar-St.P(n.c.) ((sic; no such unit exists)); A Gal-War; A Mos S A Gal-War; A Rum-Bul; F Bla-Ank; A Arm-Smy; F St.P(n.c.) not ordered, is dislodged.

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F St.P(n.c.)-Bar, and also must retreat A Rum-Ukr or -Sev. The direction of this retreat must be sent in with the "Winter 1911" move, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Bre, Mar, Par, Spa, Tun. (5) ITALY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Por,

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Rom, Rum, Ser, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie. (14)

Liv, Lon, Mun, Nwy, St.P, Swe, War. (13) RUSSIA: Mos, Sev. (2)

Germany and Italy may each build two new units, and France may build one. (Italy has acquired 3 new supply centers, but only has 2 home supply centers open.) Russia must remove four units. The deadline for these "Winter 1911" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1976.

1975Q

"Fall 1910"

DEADLOCK CONTINUES

ENGLAND (Lavas): F St.P(n.c.)-Bar; A Sil-War; A Liv S A Sil-War; A Pru S A Sil-War; F Bal & A Mun hold; A Ruh S A Mun; A Swe-Fin; F Mar-Lyo; F Spa(s.c.) S F Mar-Lyo; F Por-Mid; A Bel-Hol; A Nwy-St.P; F Nth-Eng; F Mid-Wes; A Gas-Mar; A Bur S A Gas-Mar.

FRANCE (Johnson): F Naf S ITALIAN F Wes.

ITALY (Kelly): A Pie-Mar; A Tyr S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Vie-Boh; F Wes S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN F Tyr-Lyo.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Robinson): A Mos-Liv; A War holds; A Gal S A War; A Boh-Sil; A Vie-Boh; F Ion-Tyr; F Tyr-Lyo.

TURKEY (Heuer): F Aeg-Ion; F Con-Aeg; A Bul holds; A Sev-Ukr; A Arm-Sev.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers control the same supply centers as they did after "1908" and "1909". (See GRAUSTARK #349, p. 2.) Austria-Hungary has one build, which must be sent in by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL. The other players will be informed. The deadline for "Spring 1911" moves will be NOON, SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1976.

Both proposals for ending the game failed once more of unanimity, and are hereby re-submitted for another vote. (See postal Diplomacy rule 19A in GRAUSTARK #346.) The proposals are:

1. A general concession to England.
2. A draw.

Some readers have asked among whom is a draw in a Diplomacy game. Since the consent of all surviving players is necessary for a draw, all of them participate in the draw. There can be no such thing as a draw, or as a "shared win", among only 2 or 3 of the players in a Diplomacy game.

1975ET

"Fall 1909"

...AND THEN THERE WERE FOUR

ENGLAND (Penn): A St.P; F Kie & F Wee hold; A Fin S A St.P; F Bot-Swe; F Bal-Den; F Nwy-Nrg; F Nth-Yor; A Ruh S F Kie; A Spa-Mar; F Lye & A Bur S A Spa-Mar; F Mid-Naf.

ITALY (Lerman): F Mar & F Tun hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Rittel): A Mun & A Sil S RUSSIAN A Ber; A Boh & A Tyr S A Mun; A Vie & A Pie hold; A Ven & A Tue S A Pie; F Nap S F Tyr; F Tyr S TURKISH F Ion-Tun.

RUSSIA (Birsan): A Ber S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun-Kie.

TURKEY (Remmele): A Pru holds; A Liv S A Pru; A Moe & A War S A Liv; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion; F Ion-Tun.

Underlined moves are not possible. The last two Italian fleets are annihilated. The vote for a draw failed of unanimity and is once again submitted to the players. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:
 ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Nwy, Par, Por, St.P, Spa, Swe. (15)
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Mun, Nap, Rom, Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie. (10)
 RUSSIA: Ber. (1) TURKEY: Ank, Con, Moe, Rum, Sev, Smy, Tun, War. (8)
 England may build two new units, and Turkey may build one. These builds should be sent by IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL to the Gamesmaster, who will inform all players. The deadline for "Spring 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1976.

1976BV

"Spring 1903"

TURKS GO BEAR-HUNTING

There was a misprint in the last issue; the new Austro-Hungarian unit is F Tri, not A Tri. The players have been informed.

ENGLAND (Robertson): F Edi-th; A Yor holds; F Lon S F Edi-Nth; F Den-Hel; F Ska-Den.

FRANCE (Verheiden): F Spa(s.c.)-Wee; F Bre-Mid; A Mar-Spa; A Par-Bur; A Bel S A Par-Bur.

GERMANY (Gibson): F Bal-Den; A Mun-Boh; A Ber-Mun; A Hol-Kie.

ITALY (Williams): No moves received. A Ven, F Apu, A Tus & F Ion hold.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCullam): F Tri-Adr; A Bud-Tri; A Tyr S FRENCH A Mar-Pie; A Ser-Bul; F Gre S A Ser-Bul.

RUSSIA (G. Gallagher): A Liv-Moe; A Ukr-Gal; A War-Sil; F Rum holds; F Swe S ENGLISH F Ska-Den.

TURKEY (Bergeman): A Sev-Rum; F Bla S A Sev-Rum; A Bul S A Sev-Rum; A Con S A Bul; F Aeg S ITALIAN F Ion-Gre.

Underlined moves are not possible. The Russian F Rum is annihilated. The deadline for "Fall 1903" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1976. Bob Lipton, 556 Green Place, Woodmere, N. Y. 11598 is asked to send in stand-by "Fall 1903" moves for Italy. Bob's phone number is 516-344-4723.

1976W

"Fall 1904"

FOR EVERY BACK, A KNIFE

Following "Spring 1904" moves, Austria-Hungary retreats A Tri-Tyr.

ENGLAND (Drakert): F Ycr-Edi; F Lon-Nth; F Nrg S GERMAN F Nth-Nwy.

FRANCE (Bowman): A Por holds; F Mid S A Por; A Par S A Pic; A Pic S A Par.

GERMANY (Hodin): A Bel-Pic: A Gas-Par; A Bar S A Gas-Par; A Kie-Ber; F Nth-Nwy;
F Eng-Bre.

ITALY (Bragdon): F Spa(s.c.) S A Mar; A Mar S F Spa(s.c.); F Tun-Ion: A Rom Ven; F Adri
S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Bud-Tri.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Laves): A Bud-Tri; A Vie S A Bud-Tri; A Tyr S A Bud-Tri.

RUSSIA (Kelly): A Gal-Vie: F Rla Con; A Sil-Ber; F Ska Den; A Swe S F Ska-Den;
F Nwy-Nth.

TURKEY (Kahn): F Aeg-Ion; F Eas S F Aeg-Ion; A Rum-Bud; A Ser S A Rum-Bud; A Bul-Gre;
A Tri holds; F Alb S A Tri.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French A Par and Turkish A Tri are annihilated, and Russia must retreat F Nwy-Ska, -Bar, or -St.P(n.c.). The direction of this retreat should come in with the "Winter 1904" moves, which may be made conditional upon it. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Ion. (3)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Tri, Vie. (2)

FRANCE: Por. (1)

RUSSIA: Con, Den, Mos, St.P, Sev, Swa, War. (7)

GERMANY: Bel, Ber, Bre, Hol, Kie, Mun, Nwy, Par. (8)

TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Smy. (7)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (6)

Germany may build two new units, and Turkey, Italy, and Russia may each build one. Austria-Hungary must remove one unit, and France must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1976.

1976EG

"Spring 1901"

TIPTOE THROUGH THE ALPS

ENGLAND (Tutt): F Edi-Nrg; F Lon-Nth; A Liv-Edi.

FRANCE (Cunningham): A Mar-Pie; A Par-Gae; F Bro-Mid.

GERMANY (Goldberg): A Mun-Ruh; F Kie-Hol; A Ber-Kie.

ITALY (Bakich): F Nap-Ion; A Rom-Ven; A Ven-Tyr.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Bowman): A Bud-Ser; F Tri-Alb; A Vie-Bud.

RUSSIA (Chafetz): F St.P(e.c.)-Bot; F Sev-Rum; A War-Ukr; A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (Wells): A Con-Bul; F Ank-Blä; A Smy-Con.

The deadline for "Fall 1901" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1976. Players are requested to send in their conditional "Winter 1901" builds if possible, so that two weeks can be saved by printing them with the "Fall 1901" movee.

Charles Welle's phone number is 216-932-5931, and John Tutt's is 205 667-1562. For George Bakich's new address see p. 1.

19750Q

"Fall 1909"

ENGLAND GETS LION'S SHARE

ENGLAND (Ripper): A St.P-Moe; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh & A Ber S A Bur-Mun; A Pie-Tyr; F Tus S F Rom; F Rom, F Tyr, F Wes, F Kis, F Hel, F Bal, F Iri, F Nrg, A War, A Nwy & A Liverpool hold.

GERMANY (Wienczek): A Mun holds; A Boh & A Tyr S A Mun.

ITALY (Kramer): No move received; F Adr holds.

TURKEY (Bowman): A Vie S A Gal-Boh; A Tri S A Apu-Ven; A Gal-Boh; A Apu-Ven; F Alb S A Tri; F Ion S F Nap; A Bul-Rum; F-Nap, F Aeg, F Tun & A Ser hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Boh-Sil and removes the dislodged A Mun. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:
 ENGLAND: Bel, Ber, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mar, Moe, Mun, Nwy, Par, Por, Rom, St.P, Spa, Swe, War. (20)
 TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Rum, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Tun, Ven, Vie. (14)

Under the rules of Diplomacy this game now ends as a victory for Tom Ripper, playing England. A complete roster and supply center chart will appear in the next issue. The only subscription which expires as a result of the end of this game is John Hendry's, and that will still run to #367.

1975IX

"Fall 1907"

SEE NAPLES AND WIN

FRANCE (Jacobs): No moves received. A Gas holds.

GERMANY (Penn): A Nwy-Fin; F Nrg-Nwy; F Nth-Den; F Kie S F Nth-Den; A Ber S A Mun; A Mun S A Ber; A Bur-Ruh; A Par-Bur; A Bre-Pic; F Pic-Eng; F Eng-Nth; F Liv-Nat; A Yor-Lon.

ITALY (Kramer): No moves received. A Rom, F Tun, F Por, A Mar & F Lyo hold.

RUSSIA (Eisen): A Liv-Ber; F Bal C A Liv-Ber; A Sil S A Liv-Ber; A St.P-Nwy; F Gre-Ion; F Bla-Con; A Arm-Smy; F Aeg S A Arm-Smy; F Alb S F Gre-Ion; A Tri-Ven; A Tyr S A Tri-Ven; A Vie-Boh; A Apu-Nap.

TURKEY (no player): A Smy dislodged and annihilated.

Underlined moves are not possible. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

FRANCE: Spa. (1)

ITALY: Mar, Por, Rom, Tun. (4)

GERMANY: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, Lon, Mun, Nwy, Par, Swe. (12)

RUSSIA: Ank, Ber, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre, Moe, Nap, Rum, St.P, Ser, Sev, Smy, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (17)

Russia may build three new units, and Germany and Italy must remove one each. The last Turkish unit is also removed. The deadline for these "Winter 1907" moves is 10 PM, MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1976, and they must all be phoned in by then. The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 NOVEMBER 1976.

1976DX

"Winter 1901"

ENGLAND (Fabry): Builds F Edi.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Hinton): No removals received. Gamesmaster removes F Alb & the dislodged A Vie.

FRANCE (Dodge): Builds F Bre, A Par.

GERMANY (La Rocco): Builds A Kie, A Ber.

RUSSIA (Browner): Builds A War, A Mos.

ITALY (Ameling): Builds F Nap.

TURKEY (Addison): Builds F Smy & A Con.

APATHY AND SAFETY

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This belief flies in the face of the last 15 years of American history. There have been several incidents in that period when people outside the usual political process have felt impelled to speak out and act in public events. These people have given the United States many protest demonstrations, bombings, irresponsible prose designed to promote a lack of confidence in our leaders, and a pack of wild-eyed incorrigibles as "Third Party" candidates: George Wallace, Eugene McCarthy, Eldridge Cleaver, Lestar Maddox, and miscellaneous Birchers, Marxists, and plain nuts.

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America's domestic tranquility has benefited from the decline of voting levels. Over the past 15 years, many people have got discouraged and opted out of the political process. These have been, by and large, precisely the people who ought to get out of the political process: the adherents of Pacifism, Socialism, Liberalism, Anarchism, and racial segregation. Without them, we can be sure that the even tenor of American life at home, and of American conquest abroad, will be uninterrupted.

The two splinter group candidates, McCarthy and Maddox, bear a peculiar resemblance to each other. Maddox would have America turn inward upon itself and begin the long, bitter, bloody, destructive struggle that would be required to turn blacks back to the status they had 50 years ago. McCarthy would have America abandon its globe-girdling Empire, turn away from its imperial mission to bring the entire human species under its absolute dominion, and look inward to concentrate instead upon various social welfare issues which he is promoting. This would reduce America to the status of has-beens like Britain and Sweden, or never-will-bes like Canada and Russia. The entire history of the United States of America in the past 30 years is a history of our march towards ultimata Empire, and no one will be allowed to stand in its way.

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PRESS RELEASE - 1976DC

VARICUM, ILLYRIA: As the forces of war ebbed and flowed over the Balkan peninsula, the tired entourage of His Holiness Pope Blatent III settled themselves into their rooms at the Hotel Guelph i Ghibbiline, a once-posh hostelry serving the Italian quarter of the capital city.

"Well, and it's a sure thing they've na'er pushed a broom through this burg," remarked the Supreme Pontiff as he tipped a snifter of Dalcassian Dew, "what a ban-shee's nest!"

And indeed, even the golden rays of the setting sun could not mask the decrepitude of the once ornate Mithradaetean Baths, Forum, and Hall of Government across the plaza. In one corner of the room a crew of linguists persisted in their efforts to translate the mysterious document known as the Second Donation of Constantine.

Just then the door burst open and Brevet-Colonel Otranto rushed in claspings the Italian-language edition of Speculum Minorus, Varicum's evening paper. Cardinal Sanguini scanned the front page.

"It says here there's been a border incident in the Balkan Massif, and rumors of espionage in the Patrimony of Polykarp. Mobilization seems likely..."

"Bagorrah, then here's our chance!" yelled Blatent, "we'll effect a massive armed intervention, so to speak - protection of foreign nationals, d'ye understand. Then we'll burn every copy of that damnable donation and everyone connected with it!"

"Intervene with that?" asked Otranto. "Ev'ry man we've got is committed to the Austro-Turkish front."

"Oo, aye...I could call for a crusade right here in Illyria. They be Catholics, eh?"

"Well, um," said Sanguini, "the Bravatch population is Catholic right enough, and the Rugians and Thurcilingians too, even if they are Arians...but the Molossians are Macedonian Orthodox and the Patzinaki worship Mohammed's third cousin."

"Be damned!" screamed Blatent, grabbing for the flask.

"What about you morons?" growled Sanguini to the translators, "anything yet?"

"I don't know, Your Eminence, it keeps coming out in limericks. Here for instance; 'There was a young girlie from Thrace, who liked it best...'"

Outside the only sound was that of the Night Watch as she rolled up the sidewalks.

PRESS RELEASES - 1976DW

PAPIS (AFP, 5 October 1901): Today was His Imperial Majesty's birthday, and, in celebration, a gala military review was held, which the Emperor reviewed from the balcony of the Tuilleries palace. Later that evening, at a gala levee in the Salle des Marechaux, he announced a momentous statement to the crowd:

"Frenchmen! Due to the continuing turmoil in the Iberian peninsula, the King of Portugal has requested French aid in putting down the disorders in his country. As a brother monarch, I could not refuse his request honorably. Accordingly, as of this evening, Marshal Layutey has been ordered, together with his army, into Portugal. Long live the eternal friendship of France and Portugal! Vive la France! Vive la Portugal!"

To which all responded "Vive l'Empereur!!!"

PARIS (AFP, 12 November 1901): France's new Ambassadors to the Four And A Half Kingdoms were announced today by the Quai d'Orsay. They are: Polykarp, Rene Viviani & Georgea Clemenceau; Skandalutz, Emile Loubet; Pundschruck, Rene Waldeck-Rousseau; Roma Temporalia, Jean Jaures; Wogastisburg-Schlumpenbittel, Count Albert de Mun.

ANAKHIT, SKANDALUTZ (AFP, 20 November 1901): The credentials of ex-President Loubet as Ambassador of France to Skandalutz were accepted today by Queen Tanna Hanna in a very private, 12-1/2 hour ceremony. "Of course, it's too bad that dear, dear Faure is gone," lamented Her Majesty, "but this one does extremely well in his stead. We are confident that France and Skandalutz shall enjoy very good relations with his as Ambassador. Vive la France!!"

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Apathy is very useful to these 'turned-off' types. If they had not sunk into apathy, they would very likely be dead today, or in jail or exile. This recently was brought home to one of the political figures of the turbulent '60's, Eldridge Cleaver, who recently came home from a 7-year exile. According to the New York Post of 28 Sep-

tember 1976, he made "the discovery that several of his closest friends had already been buried, the victims of drug abuse. And some of those who were left night just as well have been buried. Drugs had 'replaced politics for a whole generation of black youths'"

This story could be repeated all over the country, for whites as well as blacks. The people who were out parading in the streets, or claiming that they knew better than the President what America ought to do abroad, are now involved in religion, or drugs, or their own careers. The New York Times of 17 October 1976 had a story datelined of all places, Kent, Ohio, on student apathy towards politics. Considering what happened to these students' older brothers and sisters at Kent and other places, this apathy shows very good sense. "Today there is...little faith in the effectiveness of any kind of action...There are no heroes on the campus today. In scores of interviews, when the question was put to them, no student proposed the name of an individual who combined those traits worthy of universal respect and emulation." Among the traditional things returning to the American campus are fraternities, ROTC, beer busts, cosmetics, and better clothes. This is not the stuff out of which "martyrs" are made.

Nor will a small turn-out destroy the "legitimacy" of President Carter's victory, as some people fear and others hope. If only 40% of the eligible electorate votes, a majority of that 40% is just as good a mandate as the landslides received by Roosevelt, Eisenhower, or Johnson.

It seems fairly obvious that, as soon as the Carter Administration gets settled into office, the United States of America will once more go to war. Eugene McCarthy, of all people, seems to perceive this - his only objection is based on his old-fashioned notions that peace is better than war, a notion which no American political figure is going to advocate. (If he wants to keep getting elected or appointed, that is.) According to McCarthy, "Carter is sort of saying, 'Don't worry, just trust me, and I'll do it.'...That's what Nixon did; he took personal responsibility for it; and the next thing you knew, the CIA was involved in a political campaign." (New York Daily News, 14 October 1976) "Claan Gene" did not explain what was wrong with this, or what anybody could do about it if it were wrong.

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McCarthy also observed Carter's strong, unflinching support for the American war effort in Vietnam, including that as Governor of Georgia he proclaimed a day to honor Lieut. William L. Calley. Governor Carter also gave his firm support to the suppression of the Pacifist demonstration at Kent State University.

A twitch named Anthony Lewis, who infests the New York Times "Op-Ed" page, gave out with the same sentiments on 14 October 1976 in that location. Of Carter's resemblance to President Kennedy, he says, "The talk of new American leadership in the world, inspiring to so many when first heard in 1960, ended in the disastrous arrogance of Vietnam and Cambodia." This sort of thing got the Times on President Nixon's Enemy List, and it could get it on President Carter's, too.

But there'll be no demonstrations and turmoil against the next war. Primarily, the public now realizes the futility of this sort of thing. Furthermore, the government has determined from the "Vietnam Era" what the matter is. For one thing, public opinion was not sufficiently mobilized in favor of war. For another, dissent was tolerated too much. Ambassador Graham Martin put it this way in January, in a recently released speech: "He blamed the collapse of South Vietnam," the New York Daily News of 10 October 1976 reported, "on 'one of the best propaganda and pressure organizations the world has ever seen' which he said included 'the pilgrimages of Americans to Hanoi and to the North Vietnamese Embassy in Paris' and 'the mounting crescendo of organized campaigns of distortion in the United States'". None of this sort of thing will be allowed in the next war.

The people who see resemblances in the characters of President Nixon and President Carter are quite correct. Both are hard-driving, pragmatic men with firm, determined character. The very nature of the United States Presidency demands such men, and creates them if they do not come to the Presidency that way. The necessary resemblances President Carter's deeds and foreign policy to President Nixon's will help rehabilitate the character of the latter. By 1980, or 1984 at the latest, the Republican National

Convention will be festooned with his picture, and its speeches with his name. Mention of his name will provoke screaming, stamping applause at Republican Party meetings. Books will appear, asserting that, yes, President Nixon did do the things he was "accused" of doing in the "Watergate" carnival, and yes, President Nixon was right to do those things. (This, it should be recalled, was Vice President Ford's loyal attitude all during the controversy; about two weeks before ill health and only ill health forced President Nixon's resignation, the Vice President said, "I believe that the President is innocent and I believe he is right.") This rehabilitation of President Nixon's reputation will be justified in part from the deeds of President Carter, and President Carter will concur in it as much as his Democratic Party membership will allow. (Compare the way in which President Ford has praised President Truman.)

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ANAKHIT (AFP, 1 December 1901): A mutual defense treaty was signed today between France and Skandalutz. It appears to be clearly aimed at the newly-formed alliance of Pmdachdrnk and the Pravoslavnikan Patrimony of Polykarp.

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IDYLBURG DREIBLATTER (30 February 1903): Our 5 star reporter gained an interview with one of the 7 Spacis (Polarian) this week. Granted 5 q's, replies to 2 promised, he got this info: (1st reply) Yes, nympho princess von Skandallust, O'Freya, is not only totally madcap, but on occasion Titans of Shamb'allsh inspire her, so she really believes she's done whatever she 'confesses' to.

(2nd reply) Ah, those poor Jesuits! Like future 'Commie' cells, some of their branches are kept in ignorance of what others do & know. So Lt. Col. Ignorance Angers won't know time travel has been practiced for centuries in some branches. E. g. their Culdee College of 13 Magi, on Man, & Order of Cat Man Dhu, who don't even have location, they're so transcendent! However, don't believe anything because Austrian Emperor says it - use plenty salt. Incidentally, his great-grand-deutr becomes pregnant in 1982 by a Magus of Man who materialized into her future presence back in 1726! Such is life.

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